



## William C. Morris YA Debut Award Winners (Comprehensive List)

Honors a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.

Year	Author	Title, Call Number & Brief Description
2017	Zentner, Jeff	<b>The Serpent King</b> <a href="#">Interlibrary Loan</a> The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school in rural Forrestville, Tennessee, without letting the small-town culture destroy their creative spirits and sense of self.
2016	Albertalli, Becky	<a href="#">Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda</a> <b>YA F ALBERTALLI</b> On the brink of coming out, Simon's plans are derailed by a scheming classmate who learns about Simon's email exchanges with a mysterious boy that Simon may just be falling in love with.
2015	Quintero, Isabel	<a href="#">Gabi, a Girl in Pieces</a> <b>University Holdings</b> Aspiring poet Gabi Hernandez is having a complicated senior year. One of her best friends is pregnant, and the other just came out. Even as her mother worries that she will become a "bad" girl, Gabi adds romance and the quest for college to her already full plate.
2014	Kuehn, Stephanie	<a href="#">Charm &amp; Strange</a> <b>YA F KUEHN</b> A lonely teenager exiled to a remote Vermont boarding school in the wake of a family tragedy must either surrender his sanity to the wild wolves inside his mind or learn that surviving means more than not dying.
2013	Hartman, Rachel	<a href="#">Seraphina</a> <b>YA SF HARTMAN</b> In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.
2012	Whaley, John Corey	<a href="#">Where Things Come Back</a> <b>University Holdings</b> Seventeen-year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance.
2011	Woolston, Blythe	<b>The Freak Observer</b> <a href="#">Interlibrary Loan</a> For eight years, Loa's world ran like one of those mechanical models of the solar system, with her baby sister, Asta, as the sun. Asta suffered from a genetic disorder that left her a permanent infant, and caring for her was Loa's life. Everything spun neatly and regularly as the whole family orbited around Asta. But now Asta's dead, and 16-year-old Loa's clockwork galaxy has collapsed.
2010	Madigan, L.K.	<b>Flash Burnout</b>

		<p><a href="#"><u>Interlibrary Loan</u></a></p> <p>Telephoto lens. Zoom. In a shutter release millisecond, Blake's world turns upside down. The nameless woman with the snake tattoo is not just another assignment. 'That's my mom!' gasps Marissa. Saturated self-portrait: Blake, nice guy, class clown, always trying to get a laugh, not sure where to focus. Contrast. Shannon, Blake's GF. Total. Babe. Marissa, just a friend and fellow photographer. Shannon loves him; Marissa needs him. How is he supposed to frame them both in one shot?</p>
2009	Bunce, Elizabeth C.	<p><a href="#"><u>A Curse Dark as Gold</u></a></p> <p><b>University Holdings</b></p> <p>The gold thread promises Charlotte Miller a chance to save her family's beloved woolen mill. It promises a future for her sister, jobs for her townsfolk, security against her grasping uncle -- maybe even true love. To get the thread, Charlotte must strike a bargain with its maker, the mysterious Jack Spinner. But the gleam of gold conjures a shadowy past -- secrets ensnaring generations of Millers. And Charlotte's mill, her family, her love -- what do those matter to a stranger who can spin straw into gold? This is an award-winning and wholly original retelling of "Rumpelstiltskin."</p>